

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD DIVISION**

CHRIS GATES

PETITIONER

v.

No. 3:19CV58-MPM-RP

MDOC RECORDS DEPT.

RESPONDENT

**ORDER GRANTING STATE'S MOTION [6]
TO CONSOLIDATE CASES**

This matter comes before the court on the motion [6] by the State to consolidate the instant case with *Gates v. Johnson*, 1:19CV35-SA-JMV. As the two cases involve the same petitioner and same issues, the motion is well taken and is **GRANTED**. The Clerk of the Court is **DIRECTED** to consolidate the instant case with *Gates v. Johnson*, 1:19CV35-SA-JMV. **The State's deadline to respond to the consolidated petitions is June 17, 2019.**

SO ORDERED, this, the 3rd day of May, 2019.

/s/ MICHAEL P. MILLS
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI**